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Good Morning. Join us on July 19 at the Pacific Palms Resort for the 20th Annual Newton Community Youth Activities League "Golf for Kids" Benefit played In memory of Officer Kenny Aragon. Click here for additional information.

Law Enforcement News

Authorities Escort Fallen Sheriff's Deputy Joseph Solano To Los Angeles Cemetery
Authorities escorted Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputy Joseph Gilbert Solano from the coroner's office to Calvary Cemetery in Los Angeles, Saturday morning, officials said. The procession began shortly after 9 a.m. Solano was off-duty and not wearing clothing to indicate he was an officer when he was shot in the head at a Jack in the Box restaurant in Alhambra, June 10. He was a 13-year veteran of the Sheriff's Department and worked at the jail ward at Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center, where he died two days after he was shot. The suspected gunman, 30-year-old Rhett McKenzie Nelson of St. George, Utah, was arrested Tuesday, June 11, the day after the attack.
Los Angeles Daily News

LAPD Motorcycle Officer Injured In Van Nuys Crash
An LAPD motorcycle officer was injured in a crash in Van Nuys Friday morning. The crash occurred about 10:10 a.m. near the intersection of Van Nuys Boulevard and Hartland Street, officials said. Officers were conducting traffic enforcement when the motorcycle officer spotted a bicyclist who failed to stop at a red light, Sgt. David Delgado told KTLA. The officer was going to stop the bicyclist when an SUV was pulling out of a private driveway in front of the officer. The motorcycle officer crashed into the front of the other vehicle and was thrown to the ground, Delgado said. The officer was taken to a hospital and is in stable condition. He may have suffered some broken bones, the sergeant added.
KTLA 5

2 LAPD Officers Injured In Pico-Union Crash
Two Los Angeles police officers suffered minor injuries in a three-vehicle crash Sunday in the Pico-Union area of Los Angeles, according to the Los Angeles Fire Department. The crash happened about 7:20 p.m. at 2688 Olympic Boulevard, fire department spokeswoman Margaret Stewart said. The two injured LAPD officers were transported to a hospital for treatment, Stewart said. The other people involved in the crash were not injured, she said. The intersection of Olympic Boulevard and Vermont Avenue was temporarily closed for the accident investigation, authorities said.
NBC 4

California could become first to limit facial recognition technology; police aren't happy
A routine traffic stop goes dangerously awry when a police officer's body camera uses its built-in facial recognition software to misidentify a motorist as a convicted felon. Guns are drawn. Nerves fray. At best, lawsuits are launched. At worst, tragedy strikes. That imaginary scenario is what some California lawmakers are trying to avoid by supporting Assembly Bill 1215, the Body Camera Accountability Act, which would ban the use of facial recognition software in police body cams – a national first if it passes a Senate vote this summer and is signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom. State law enforcement officials here do not now employ the technology to scan those in the line of sight of officers.
But some police officials oppose the bill on the grounds that a valuable tool could be lost. While acknowledging that the tech is still in its infancy, some police officials say a wholesale ban is premature. "Facial recognition could be a valuable tool for us, helping identify felons or even abducted children," says Detective Lou Turriaga, a director of the Los Angeles Police Protective League, which represents 10,000 officers. "I understand trying to seek a balance between civil liberties and law enforcement, but a wholesale ban doesn't help us protect anybody," he says. "Why remove that tool from law enforcement? It just doesn't make sense."
USA Today

36-Year-Old Man Killed In Drive-By Shooting In Watts
A 36 year-old man was killed in a drive-by shooting in Watts, authorities said Monday. It was reported about 11 p.m. Sunday in front of 1346 East 111th Place, Officer D. Orris of the Los Angeles Police Department's Operations Center said. Witnesses told police someone opened fire on the victim from a moving white pickup truck, Orris said. The victim suffered multiple gunshots and died en route to a hospital despite lifesaving efforts by paramedics, Orris said.
MyNewsLA.com

Off-Duty LAPD Officer Opened Fire At Costco, Killing 1, After Being Assaulted, Police Say
An off-duty LAPD officer fatally shot a man and wounded two others Friday night at a Costco store in Corona after the officer was assaulted while holding his young child,

authorities said. The attack on the officer, which was called unprovoked, resulted in him firing his weapon, striking the suspected assailant and two of his family members, said Officer Tobias Kouroubacalis, a spokesman for the Corona Police Department. The deceased man was identified as Kenneth French, 32, of Riverside, authorities said. His two relatives were transported to hospitals, where they were listed in critical condition, Kouroubacalis said. The officer's gun was the only weapon involved in the incident, he said. The officer, who has not been identified, suffered minor injuries in the confrontation and was taken to a hospital and then discharged, said Officer Greg Kraft of the Los Angeles Police Department. The officer is assigned to the LAPD's Southwest Division.
Los Angeles Times

LAPD Seeks Alleged Serial Sexual Battery Suspect In Mid-City Area
The Los Angeles Police Department asked the public's help on Friday in tracking down an alleged serial sexual battery suspect who's been targeting multiple women on the street and inside their homes in the Mid-City area. On the afternoon of June 12, the alleged suspect sexually battered multiple women on the street and in their homes along the Olympic Boulevard and Wilshire Boulevard Corridors, authorities said. Detectives are also seeking any additional individuals who witnessed or were assaulted by the suspect, according to a statement released by the department on social media. Police released surveillance photos of the man in hopes that someone may recognize him. The suspect is described as 25 to 35-year-old a male Hispanic, with black hair and a light mustache. He stands at 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighs about 220 pounds. He was seen wearing black shoes, black pants, teal shirt, with a black shoulder bag. Anyone with information about this case is urged to call police at 1-877-LAPD-24-7 (877-527-3247).
FOX 11

Female Driver Wanted After Walking Away From Fatal Crash In North Hills
A female driver of a white Lexus is wanted Monday after walking away from a deadly crash in North Hills. The Lexus and a black SUV crashed on Haskell Avenue, near Parthenia Street, at about 5:35 a.m. Sunday. The impact of the crash sent the SUV into a chain link fence and left it on its roof. The 48-year-old driver, Francisco Hernandez Rivas, was pronounced dead at the scene. The SUV's passenger was also seriously injured in the crash. Police say the female driver of the Lexus walked away from the scene. Alcohol may have played a role in the accident, because some empty beer cans were found inside the Lexus, Los Angeles police spokesman Officer Mike Lopez said.
CBS 2

Road Rage Allegedly Leads To Shooting, Barricade In South LA
A suspected road rage incident led to vehicles being rammed, a shooting and an hourslong barricade in South Los Angeles Saturday, police said. The road rage incident occurred at approximately 5:55 p.m., the Los Angeles Police Department said. For unknown reasons, a vehicle reported stolen out of Orange County and containing three people began ramming vehicles at a stop light at the intersection of Manchester Boulevard and San Pedro Street., the LAPD said. Police said at least four vehicles were struck by the suspected stolen vehicle. After one of the vehicles struck began following the suspected stolen vehicle, at least one of people shot back at the trailing vehicle but did not strike anyone, the LAPD said. The shooter then fled into a trucking school in the 400 block of East Manchester Boulevard and was believed to be barricaded inside a trailer, police said. The other two people in the suspected stolen vehicle fled and their whereabouts were unknown, police said.
NBC 4

Teen Girl Missing From Pacoima For 10 Days
Police on Friday sought the public's help in locating a missing 13-year-old girl last seen in Pacoima. Destiny Gonzalez was last seen about 11 a.m. June 4 exiting the rear gate of her home and getting into a vehicle in the alley near the 11700 block of Glenoaks

Boulevard, according to the Los Angeles Police Department. Destiny is Hispanic, 5 feet 3 inches tall, weighs about 110 pounds and has black hair and brown eyes. She was wearing a black sweater with white letters and light-colored blue jeans when she was last seen. Anyone with information regarding the girl's whereabouts was urged to call the LAPD's Foothill Station at 818-834-3115.
Los Angeles Daily News

Teen Suicides In Los Angeles County On The Rise, Report Says
Teen suicides in the Los Angeles area reached an all-time high in 2017, nearly doubling to 27 from the 14 reported in 2016, child health care experts announced Friday. Most of the suicides were by 16 and 17 year olds, said Michael Pines, of the Chicago School of Psychology. The report came during a news conference at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration in downtown Los Angeles. While children in many cases do not leave suicide notes, officials said, a teenager's social media profile can offer clues to the reasons behind their decisions. The most common risk factors are failed relationships and depression. Pines suggested more interaction between parents and their childrens' schools. "People are afraid, they're not communicating," Pines said. "Parents are not reaching out to schools as much and I fear we are weakening our best defenses, which have to do with protective factors, caring adults who kids can go to for help." Pines could not say whether population growth had anything to do with the increased number of adolescent suicides.
Los Angeles Daily News

Public Safety News

More Than 80 Firefighters Battle Woodland Hills Blaze
More than 80 firefighters were working to extinguish a fire in Woodland Hills Friday after it burned through the attic of a building. The blaze broke out just before 5:40 p.m. in the 20900 block of W. Victory Boulevard. It wasn't immediately clear if anyone was injured. Flames sent smoke into the air as firefighters took a defensive attack on the blaze. By 6 p.m., firefighters appeared to have a good handle on the blaze.
NBC 4

New Technology Aims To Warn Public Of Impending Fire Danger Before It Happens
After some of the most devastating wildfires in recent history, some Southland utilities are taking drastic action to prevent another wildfire tragedy. Tom Rolinski is the new guy at Southern California Edison. Ten months ago he was hired to be the company's Fire Meteorologist as fire season continues getting longer and more difficult. Fires like the Thomas Fire, Woolsey and others have been huge challenges for firefighters. The Camp Fire up north was deadly and destructive. According to Cal Fire, statewide, about half of the acreage that has burned was due to utility company power equipment. That puts pressure on utility companies. With his team, Rolinski is physically looking at things that could burn. He says it's really important to understand the moisture levels. "Here, with this material we have to cut pieces of this plant. We weigh it, and we dry it in an oven for about 20 hours, and then we weigh it again to determine how much moisture is in this plant," said Rolinski.
FOX 11

Local Government News

LA City Council Race: On Dealing With Homelessness, Lee And Lundquist See Compassion, But With Contrasting Approaches
A runoff election to determine who will represent Los Angeles City Council District 12 is weeks ahead. But in a city grappling with surging numbers of homeless people, one

particular topic could take a central stage during the runoff campaign: Housing scores of unsheltered people. “The homelessness debate emerges because everybody is in favor of doing things to help the homeless,” said Raphael Sonenshein, executive director of the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs at Cal State L.A. The challenge, Sonenshein added, for Los Angeles City Council candidates John Lee and Loraine Lundquist would be not just to convince voters that they are in favor of helping the homeless, but to offer specific solutions and to sell them to residents of the district known for its resistance to building any affordable housing.
Los Angeles Daily News

L.A. Councilman Moves To Ban Short-Term Leases In Rent-Controlled Buildings
A Los Angeles councilman, concerned about the housing crisis, is trying to stop landlords from turning rent-controlled apartments into pricey furnished units for people who want a short-term lease. Councilman Mike Bonin submitted a motion Friday asking city officials to draft an ordinance requiring initial leases in rent-controlled buildings to last at least 12 months. This comes after the Los Angeles Times reported on the phenomenon — for example, highlighting a startup that partnered with a Hollywood landlord to turn a $1,800-a-month rent-controlled studio apartment into a $3,300-a-month furnished, extended-stay corporate rental. Housing advocates say the practice contributes to the affordable housing crisis by taking long-term homes off the market. But corporate housing companies say they provide needed temporary housing at cheaper rates than hotels.
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